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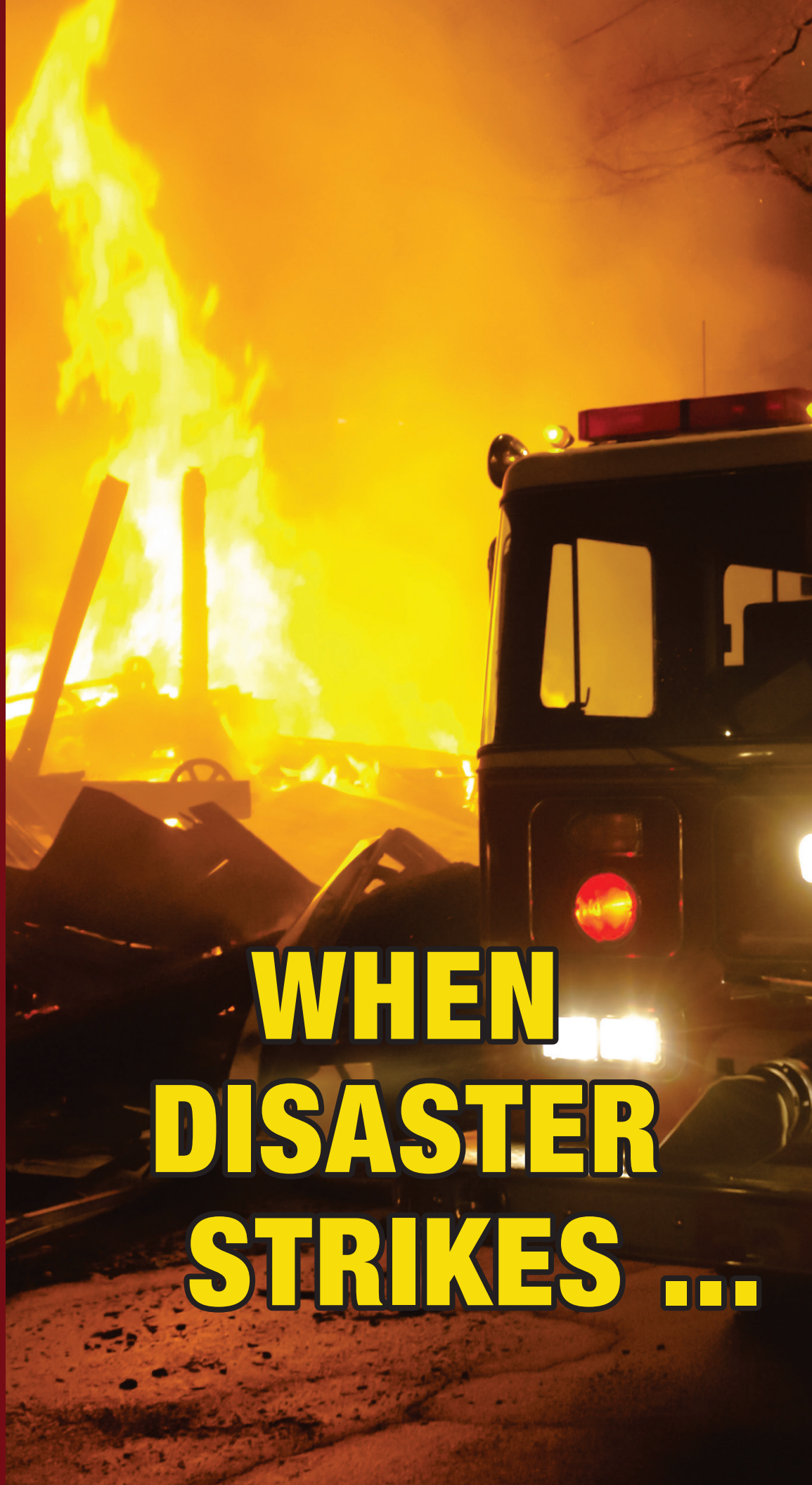
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VA IS FIRST STATE TO OPT-IN TO FIRST RESPONDER NETWORK AUTHORITY

When disaster strikes, every moment matters and could make the difference between life and death.

To help ensure first responders have the ability to communicate without interruption during crises, Governor Terry McAuliffe has declared that Virginia will be the first state in the country that will allow the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) and AT&T to proceed with the deployment of the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network.

FirstNet was developed in the wake of 9/11 as a way to help first responders communicate during times of disaster and emergency. During September 11, 2001, first responders had a difficult time communicating with one another since they were competing with consumers to



access the cellular network. By opting in to this network, first responders in Virginia will get priority cell service during disasters.

This network will improve public safety in Fauquier County, and throughout our state, and allow law enforcement and other officials to share information with residents using technologies they already use, including smartphones and mobile apps. It will also enhance network coverage in rural areas.

GETTING THE WORD OUT ABOUT VA'S NEW SENIOR LEGAL HELPLINE

Virginians 60 years and older in Fauquier County and throughout the Commonwealth can now access free legal assistance and advice over the phone by calling 844-802-5910.

Topics covered by the toll-free Senior Legal Helpline include:

- 1) long-term care issues;
- 2) public benefits, such as Medicaid and SSI;
- 3) guardianship and guardianship alternative;
- 4) age discrimination;
- 5) financial exploitation;
- 6) abuse and neglect; and
- 7) some limited consumer issues.



The Senior Legal Helpline is made possible through a contract between the Virginia Poverty Law Center and the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services. Funding for this contract comes from the Administration on Community Living Grant's Model Approaches to Statewide Legal Assistance Systems.

DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY

Virginia's next drug take-back day will take place on October 28, 2017 between 10:00 am-2:00 pm. This state-wide event is an effort to prevent prescription drug abuse in our communities and to keep trace drugs out of our lakes and streams, since wastewater treatment plants cannot remove many compounds found in medications.

Drug take-back days are important because our state, along with many others across the country, is experiencing an opioid epidemic. Drug overdose is the leading cause of accidental death in the U.S. and opioid addiction is driving this epidemic.

Residents in communities all across Virginia, including Fauquier County, are urged to find out if their community is participating in a prescription drug take-back event and if so to drop off their unused, unwanted, or expired medications for safe disposal at their local law enforcement agencies.

Visit https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/ for more information.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS



On Halloween, car accidents are among the most common incidents. In fact, according to Safe Kids USA, children are more than twice as likely to get killed by a car while walking on Halloween night than at any other time of the year.

To help ensure children in the Fauquier County area remain safe on Halloween, here are some tips for motorists:

- Really focus on the road and avoid distractions like your phone.
- Avoid speeding and obey posted speed limit signs.
- Yield to pedestrians.
- Slow down.

LOUDOUN COUNTY SHERIFF RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED AWARD

Loudoun County Sheriff Mike Chapman was named the 2017 U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)/Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Law Enforcement Executive of the Year. Sheriff Chapman was presented the award by Mr. Rob Patterson, Acting DEA Deputy Administrator, and Mr. Francisco Pegueros, President & CEO of D.A.R.E. America, at the annual **D.A.R.E. America International Conference** in Grapevine, Texas on July 11.



The DEA/D.A.R.E. America Law Enforcement Executive award is presented to a senior law enforcement officer who epitomizes an extraordinary commitment to drug prevention and enforcement. Sheriff Chapman was recognized for his efforts to offer more educational and drug prevention programs, including the expansion of D.A.R.E.

This award has been given annually since 2000 and Sheriff Chapman joins a small group of senior law enforcement officers who have been selected for this honor.



IF YOU ARE IN A MINOR FENDER BENDER...

If you are in a fender bender with no injuries and you can move your vehicle from the travel lanes, please do so. It's the law. When you leave

your vehicle on the road after a crash, you add to traffic back-ups, which may cause other more serious crashes in terms of property damage and personal injury.

Virginia's "Move It" law (§ 46.2-888) states, "If the driver is capable of safely doing so and the vehicle is movable, (you) shall move the vehicle from the roadway to prevent obstructing the regular flow of traffic." The law adds that moving your vehicle does not relieve law-enforcement officers of their duty to file a report of the accident.

PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM SHERIFF ROBERT MOSIER



On behalf of all of us at the Fauquier County Sheriff's Office, I hope you and your family enjoyed your summer. As you receive your VSI Newsletter, children across the Commonwealth are already back to school and looking forward to Halloween.

I want you to know public safety is our number one priority at my sheriff's office. That's why

I'm grateful for the continued feedback of Fauquier County residents like you on issues that could personally impact your ability to keep you and your family safe.

Fall in Virginia is a wonderful and active time for many Virginia residents, from the cooler days and beautiful fall foliage, to school activities and festivals, and of course Halloween. To ensure this fall season is a safe and enjoyable one, I've included some practical safety tips to help ensure children in our communities enjoy their Halloween activities safely.

I want you to know it is my privilege to serve as your sheriff and I urge you to contact my office if you have any questions about the subjects we discuss in this issue of the VSI Newsletter, or if you have any other concerns about crime prevention or public safety efforts in our community.

Thank you for all you do to support Virginia law enforcement officers — and have a great autumn!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert T. Mosier".

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OTHER WAYS TO DONATE TO VSI

Please donate that Auto, Boat, Yacht, Truck, or RV that's no longer needed to the Virginia Sheriffs' Institute! Receive the maximum legal tax deductions and possibly a partial cash payment. For more information about car, boat, RV, and other property donations, or to receive a "no obligation" evaluation of your potential vehicle or other property donation, go to vasheriffsinstitute.org/support-vsi/donate-your-car/ ... or please call toll free: (866) 2-GIVING or (866) 244-8464. We pick up anywhere in the U.S.A.



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